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Vasa Lodge

Skandia No. 549

We regret the cancellation of the February meeting made necessary by the heavy snow storm. The next meeting will be on March 3 at the IOOF Temple, with a dance following.

CHILDREN'S CLUB

The children enjoyed movies taken by Raul Nyroos of Camp Week, Sleigh Ride party, and various programs in which they performed, at their Valentine Party in February. The mothers provided a very tasty lunch for the party. At the next meeting on March 11 the children will start practising for the Mother's Day Program.

PAST PRESIDENTS' CLUB

The January Past Presidents' Meeting was held in the home of District Master Margaret Eliasson. Election of officers was held with the following results: President, Linnea Lodge; secretary, Betty Pearson; treasurer, Julius Hober; alternate officer, Don Johnson; auditors, Gus Johnson, Ed Bergquist and Sig Johnson.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Pearson. The date will be announced in the near future.

LADIES' AUXILIARY

The Vasa Ladies met at the home of Mrs. O. Sund on Feb. 17. Election of officers was held with the following results: Chairman, Betty Pearson; secretary, Hansine Pierre; treasurer, Irma McMaster; alternate officer, Gertrude Holmgren; auditors, Mary Pearson and Evelyn Modin.

The auxiliary has decided to make donations to the following organizations: Heart Fund, Mental Health, Cancer Fund, Crippled Children, Marion Centre, Scandinavian Centre News.

Please save your Nabob coffee coupons and mail to Emma Krag, 11508-124 Street. The next meeting will be held Saturday, March 10 at 8:00 p.m. at Carl Mortenson's, 9902-145 Street.

The annual Pot Luck Supper, sponsored by the Vasa Ladies, will be held in the IOOF Temple on Saturday, March 24 at 6:00 o'clock. This supper is for the members and their families only. A whist drive for the adults and bingo for the children will be held after the supper. Will those couples who wish to play whist please bring a table prize of a value not over 75c?

BOWLING

High bowlers on Feb. 16 were as follows: Ladies' high single, Evelyn Johnson, 251; ladies' high triple, Evelyn Johnson, 702; men's high single, Leonard Eliasson, 266; and men's high triple, Andy Ogren, 615.

Congratulations to Margaret and Don Knutson on the birth of their son in January.

Our condolences to relatives and friends of John Israelson, who died on Jan. 20 at Williams Lake, B.C.

Helen Riley, who was recuperating

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Finnish Society

There was excitement galore at Usona Curling Rink on February 12 when the Lodge members had a day of curling. The following were the winning teams:

First event: 1st, Harold Sjorlund, skip, Wilma Stone 3rd, Cliff Robins 2nd, Lynn Holmlund, lead; 2nd, Gus Tabler, skip, Dan Edin, 3rd, Tillie Sjorberg, 2nd, Bertha Edin, lead.

Second event: 1st, Henry Sjorlund, skip, Pete Nelson, 3rd, George Brown, 2nd, Anne Bloedel, lead; 2nd, Ed Stone, skip, Devina Sjorlund, 3rd, Adolph Holmlund, 2nd, Bernice Garbe, lead.

The March meeting of the Lodge will be held at Carl Brown's home on March 3rd.

A general meeting of the Finnish Society will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Salomaa, 9942-149 Street, February 5, beginning at 8 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

Sydamellinen kiitokseksi kauniista kukista, jotka ilahduttivat suuresti mieltani sairaalassa oloni aikana.

Veikko Hagman

Thanks to Mrs. V. Rastas for being last month's hostess for the sewing circle. The next sewing circle will be held March 16, at the home of Mrs. J. Luoma, 10022-112 Street. Everyone is cordially invited.

The date for the annual Fishing Derby was set for February 28, at Baptiste Lake. Winners names will be announced in the next issue.

The monthly dance will be held at McCauley Hall, February 2, beginning at 8:30 p.m. sharp. The social committee has lined up another wonderful program. Refreshments will be served. The last dance was very successful and we hope this will be even more so. We trust everyone will enjoy themselves.

Vasa Lodge

Nordstjarnan No. 575

The January meeting of the Lodge was well attended. It was held at the home of R. E. Anderson. The following are the officers elected for 1962.

President, Carl Brown; Vice-President, John Holmlund; Secretary, Annie Holmlund; Viie - Serretary, Lydia Remin; Chaplain, Ferd Dahlberg; Financial Secretary, L. Thorson; Treasurer, R. E. Anderson; Vice Finacial Secretary, Henry Sjogren; Master of Ceremonies, Alena Brown; Vice Master of Ceremonies, Elvira Anderson; Inner Guard, Gordon Krause; Outer Guard, Harry Holmlund; Banner Bearers, Ruth Holmlund, Bernice Garbe; Culture Leders, Olga Brown and Eleanor Tabler.

On January 13th the Lodge held their Christmas Party for the members and their families. A very large crowd turned out even though it was a very cold night. A most enjoyable program of recitations, songs and games was held, followed by dancing around the Christmas tree by young and old alike. Lunch of hard tack and herring finished the evening.

Icelandic Society

A Date To Remember — March 17, St. Patrick's Dance, 8:30, at the Mocombo. Make a party and attend. For tickets call Bert Lane, HO 6-6422, HO 6-6488.

Mrs. Hogan has retrnen to her home in Alder Grove, B.C. after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. A. Arnason, her son-in-law, daughter and family.

Thoroblot was elebrated on Feb. 19th at the Masonic Temple with a large attendanre. Bingo was played, a beautiful film of Iceland was shown and an assortment of Icelandic goodies strved for lunch made it a most enjoyable evening. Life membership were given to the following: Mr. Christian Johnson, Mrs. Sigurdur Sigurdson, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Johnson, Mrs. Sadie Lee, Mrs. Mathilda Johnson, Mr. Sigurjon Isfeld.

Credit for a successful Thoroblot goes to our new Social Convenor Bert Lane, Lunch convenor Thora Wagn and our telephone convenor Inga Bachmann.

Scandinavian Nite is but a memory and the concensus of opinion among our members—the best yet!

Our youngsters in the opening number, our performers Gordon Janssen, Shirley and Stanley McNaughton, the beautiful voice of Mrs. Margret Decosse made it indeed a memorable evening. Of course the climax was the winning of the trophy by our pretty young queen, Joan Olafson who that day celebrated her fifteenth birthday. The credit for the unusual and impressive stage setting, the smooth continuity of the whole concert goes to Mr. Kurt Svidal, whose hard work and ingenuity made it so colorful and easy to enjoy.

Mr. Vic Janssen recently journeyed to Brandon, Manitoba, to represent the Alberta Government at a Western Canada Safety Conference. He was elected a director. Congratulations, Vic.

A recent visitor to our city was Senator G. S. Thorvaldson, president of the Progressive Conservative Association of Canada. Senator Thorvaldson was guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Edmonton Strathcona Progressive Conservative Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Baurne of Innisfail have returned from a trip to New York. While there they attended the wedding of Miss Iris Baurne. They thoroughly enjoyed their trip by plane and their all-to-short a stay in the big, big city. Mrs. Alfred Baurne is the former Iris Benediktson, grand-daughter of the late Stephan G. Stephanson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Halldorson are leaving Edmonton to take up residence in Outlook, Saskatchewan, as Purchasing Agent for the Saskatchewan Power Dam. Mrs. Halldorson journeyed to Vancouver to welcome their new grandson Robert John home from the hospital. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Sinclair.

The trouble with human beings is not that they lack horse sense but that they lack human intelligence.

DANIA

Danish Envoy, Carl Gunderson, of Edmonton, died suddenly on January 23, just about a month from his 80th birthday.

It may be said of Carl Gunderson that during his latter years he was a lonely man, his only relative, a sister, living in New York. Although many of his friends tried to make Carl Gunderson feel less lonely in their own way, his many years of hard and diligent "do-it-yourself" work, combined with aspirations which most people forget when they are settled in life, made him something of a "loner."

Carl Gunderson was brought up and educated in a Danish institutional boarding school of excellent reputation. This school was founded more than 200 years ago for students whose parents are without means to educate their children. It has turned out many hundreds of students with an exceptional will to succeed in life, and an unusual ability to meet the demands of a complex society. Carl Gunderson was one of these students.

In 1903 he emigrated to U.S.A. where he obtained employment with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in New York. He was not happy in this work, and in 1911 he left U.S.A. for Canada where he attempted farming for a while. Realizing that farming was not his line, he travelled Alberta lecturing in politics. This endeavor resulted in Carl Gunderson becoming a civil servant for the government of Alberta.

One must doubt that this was really what he wanted. He never gave up fighting for the rights of others. If his political field became limited as a civil servant, his aspirations went to work for the betterment of working conditions, fundamental human rights and his community. He earned the respect and admiration of all people, but found only a few true friends.

It was only logical that the Danish government should choose this man as their envoy in Edmonton. If anybody could fight the cause of the immigrants, it was Carl Gunderson. Thus he became exposed to both the good and the bad sides of the immigrant's destiny. He fought red tape, he found jobs for the unemployed, he opened his home for the lonely, and, involved as he still was in reforms he would like to bring about, one could not feel confident that Carl Gunderson was completely satisfied.

His political aspirations never materialized to the degree that he wanted, but somehow this benefited his community that much more, for it needed a man who would speak up for the rights of others in an able manner.

When Carl Gunderson visited Denmark after fifty years of absence, he was a true good-will ambassador, bringing greetings and news to relatives and friends all over Denmark from immigrants

Sons Of Norway

A SOCIAL EVENT

The next members' social, "On Cinema" will be held on Friday evening, March 23, at the Masonic Temple, with Mrs. Johanna Nilsen as hostess.

A GALA NIGHT

Sons of Norway variety show will be held in the Masonic Temple Auditorium on Saturday, March 31, commencing at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Mina MacDonald is producning a double feature stage show, highlighting Norwegian Folk Dancing by the senior group, with sixteen young folk dancers taking part. A one-act play depicting a farm scene in Norway will be presented by the Folk Dancing Group, headed by Mr. Sigvald Arneberg. The second feature will be acts from the Roaring Twenties, performed by local artists. A delicious lunch will be served. Others on the arrangements committee are Mr. Kalmar Amdam, Mr. C. Rikstad, Mr. A. Searl and Mrs. Searl, Mrs. R. Sivertsen and Mrs. M. Myhre. Dancing to old-time and modern music will follow until midnight. A good orchestra will be present, and everyone is welcome.

FOLK DANCING

A fair number of children came to the Masonic Temple for the Folk Dancing in spite of the snowy night, on February 2. Mr. Arneberg, the instructor, was unable to attend, but under the capable direction of Mrs. MacDonald, the dance practice was soon underway.

BOWLING NEWS

Victor Larson's Midnight Suns is the leading team with a score of 357. Irene has the high singles for the ladies with a score of 315. Johanna Nilsen has high triple, 722; and Norman Nilsen high single, 345, and high triple, 772.

SONS OF NORWAY

LADIES' AUXILIARY

The evening of February 2 was cold and blustery, but the weather did not stop a number of the ladies from venturing out. After the meeting a game of whist was played by some of the women. A tasty lunch was served, and Maisie Amdam won the draw prize. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Milton McInnis at 10751-149 Street on the evening of March 2.

SUNRAY JUNIOR LODGE

The Sunray Junior Lodge had 32 youngsters present at their meeting on February 14. A membership drive for boys and girls who are interested in joining the organization was passed. The phoning committee was increased by three. Allen Sather, the Junior Lodge social director, conducted a game of bingo and interesting films were shown.

Mr. and Mrs. Searl donated prizes to the Junior Lodge. First prize of \$10.00 went to Dennis Bukvi; second prize of \$3.00 went to John McInnis, and third prize of \$2.00 to Robert Anderson.

The next Junior Lodge meeting will be held March 14.

PERSONAL

Mr. Paul Forseth left the Edmonton bus depot at 12:30 a.m. on February 3 for Los Angeles, Calif.,

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+ EDITORIAL +

From The Secretary's Desk

Mr. John Rama chaired the Annual General Meeting at the Masonic Temple on Feb. 20, 1962. Lively discussions centered around the Scandinavian News, the future Centre, the Scandinavian Queen, and many other topics. Some of the major decisions reached were:

1. To continue to investigate the possibilities of the Pentecostal Tabernacle as the future Centre.
2. To form a Ladies' Scandinavian Committee to consist of one member elected from each national group.
3. That notices of annual meetings and financial statements be published in the News, thereby eliminating the letter to each shareholder and thus saving the association considerable expense.
4. That the firm of Rollins & Dreyer be re-elected as auditors of the Association.

Elected for a three-year term to the Board of Directors were: Don Shaw, of the Icelandic Society of Edmonton; Sig Johnson of Vasa Lodge, Edmonton; and Eric Lefsrud, well-known Norwegian lawyer. Elected for a two-year term was Tauno Salomaa of the Finnish Society of Edmonton.

Mr. Arne Johannessen was elected Chairman of the 1963 Nominating Committee consisting of Tom Nielsen, Eric Pierre, Jack Luoma and Gunnar Thorvaldson.

The following report of 1961 activities was presented by the secretary, S. A. Sorenson, on behalf of the Board of Directors:

MEETINGS

Your Directors have met regularly throughout the year since the last annual meeting. Seventeen meetings were held on the following dates: 1961—March 1; March 14; April 11; May 9; June 13; July 11; August 8; August 22; September 12; October 17; November 15; December 12; December 19. 1962—January 9; January 18; February 1 and February 5.

DUTIES OF THE DIRECTORS

At the organization meeting on March 1, 1961, the Directors accepted the following responsibilities: J. Rama, President; S. A. Sorenson, Secretary, Director of Share-selling, and Correspondent; K. L. Svidal, Vice-President, Director of Publicity; G. A. Larson, Director of Planning; A. Andersen, Director of Scandinavian Centre News; P. N. Christensen, Director of Exhibition Activities, Assistant Director of Planning; O. S. Franzen, Director of Social Activities, Assistant Director of Planning; H. M. Halldorson, Treasurer; H. A. Hansen, Director of Finance Committee, Assistant Director of Social Activities; H. Markstrom, Assistant Director of Exhibition Activities, Assistant Director of Planning; and V. Salo, Assistant Director of Planning.

It is with deep regret that we must report the passing of Mr. Art Andersen on November 2, 1961. He worked faithfully and honestly in the cause of the Scandinavian Centre, and his fellow Scandinavians. He will be missed by all of us.

Mr. P. N. Christensen took over the responsibilities of Director of the Scandinavian News, and has done much to put it on a sound financial basis.

Mr. Vic Salo has moved to Winnipeg, and we shall miss his assistance on the Planning Committee. Since the loss of the two above Directors took place so late in the year, your Board decided to wait until this annual meeting to replace them.

SHARE SELLING

During the calendar year of 1961 there were 330 shares sold, with \$9,470 in cash accompanying the applications.

Several canvassers' meetings were held. At the January 17, 1961, meeting it was agreed that the Canvassers' Committee of approximately 60 members, continue to function in an endeavour to reach the \$100,000 goal.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors it was agreed to reward canvassers by paying a commission of 5% on share value, or 10% of cash value, provided a minimum of five shares were sold. This worked quite effectively during the first part of the year. As the year progressed and it became apparent that the Centre would not be started in 1961, the sale of shares slowed down. Even so, more than one share was sold every working day of 1961.

With the tremendous popularity of the "Chartered Flight to Scandinavia" during January, 1962, 48 shares were sold. This proved that if we provide the incentive, the money is there, and our people will buy shares.

THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Planning Committee under the chairmanship of G. A. Larson has had several meetings during the year. The work of this committee falls into four phases:

- (1) Planning for the 142 Street site.
- (2) Negotiations for the Holy Cross School, Jasper Place.
- (3) Consideration of the Jasper Place Theatre.
- (4) Negotiations for the Pentecostal Tabernacle, 10047 108 St.

Planning for the 142 Street site continued until August, and then came to a sudden halt with the possibility of pur-

chasing the Holy Cross School. Negotiations finally broke down when the Separate School Board turned down our offer of \$80,000 during the month of January, 1962.

The Jasper Place Theatre was turned down as unsuitable for our purposes, but the Pentecostal Tabernacle has met with the favor of your Board of Directors.

The lease with the City of Edmonton has still not been signed, although we have a draft lease in our possession ready to be signed.

Where do we go from here? This annual shareholders' meeting should make some decisions for the guidance of the new Board of Directors.

THE SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE NEWS

The Scandinavian News continues to be a very popular project of the Centre. Many words of praise come from near and far. This project is presently under the direction of P. N. Christensen and his committee—the editor, Mrs. Eileen Peterson; the business manager, Mrs. Vera Nielsen; the circulation manager, S. A. Sorenson; and the correspondents: Mrs. Freda Smith, Miss Anita Searl, Mrs. Shirley Pearson, Miss Sirkka Rastas and Rune Anderson.

The fact that the paper is still heavily subsidized by the Centre is a constant worry to your Directors. What is needed is vigorous action to secure advertising and increase the paper to eight pages. In accordance with the Costing Committee's findings in 1960, an eight-page paper, with one-half devoted to advertising, can be made a profitable venture. We are happy that Mrs. Vera Nielsen, on her return from Denmark, has accepted the position of business manager of the News as of January 1, 1962. We are extremely hopeful that 1962 will see the News paying its own way.

The increase in voluntary donations to the News is a further proof of its popularity. Donations are very much appreciated, and are publicly acknowledged from month to month in the News.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The Cultural Activities Committee is under the direction of O. S. Franzen. The present committee consists of K. L. Svidal, chairman; Mrs. C. A. Smith, Rudy Sund, Borge Noesgaard, Eric Luhtala and Mrs. M. MacDonald.

The following activities were carried through to complete success:

- (1) Annual Scandinavian Night—Seventh—January 21, 1961—\$763.13.
- (2) The Scandinavian Centre Tea and Coffee Party—April 14, 1961—\$121.14.
- (3) Annual Scandinavian Day—July 30, 1961.
- (4) Second Autumn Dance—September 23, 1961—\$402.44.
- (5) Eighth Annual Scandinavian Night—January 20, 1962.

As concrete evidence of the increasing popularity, Annual Scandinavian Night this year had 1,709 paid admissions, compared with 1,451 in 1961. Each year has always been bigger and better than the year before. The cultural values derived from the project may well be more important than the Centre itself. It is hoped that the time will come when Scandinavian talent will seek to get on the annual show, rather than we seeking the talent.

EXHIBITION ACTIVITIES—JULY 17-22, 1961

Of outstanding success this year was the Exhibition booth under the direction of P. Norman Christensen, which netted the handsome sum of \$802.62.

The assets of our organization in this connection are worth approximately \$2,000. They are properly stored at the farm of Russell Coburn, a shareholder.

Again we were represented in the annual Exhibition Parade with a Viking Float designed by K. L. Svidal, and built by G. A. Larson, Harold Markstrom, and others.

CHARTERED FLIGHT TO SCANDINAVIA

Perhaps this project has demonstrated the advantages of co-operation more than any other activity of the Centre. From the two flights now organized for June 22 and June 29 the saving to Scandinavians will be well over \$50,000. We know that those who are so fortunate as to spend holidays in Scandinavia this year will come back more enthusiastic than ever to build a Scandinavian Centre in Edmonton. Many thanks to Hans Kristensen and Harold Markstrom for their volunteer work in making these flights possible.

I believe that it is safe to predict that the flight to Scandinavia will become an annual event.

SUMMARY

Your Centre organization has made three outstanding accomplishments:

- (1) The Scandinavian News.
- (2) In the cultural field—Annual Scandinavian Night and Annual Scandinavian Day.
- (3) The Chartered Flights to Scandinavia.

If we never accomplished more, it would have been worthwhile indeed. Now for the actual provision of a Centre. This will certainly be done. When, depends on Scandinavians themselves. As soon as they are willing to invest sufficient money, we can go ahead. We want to pay as we go. We do not want to saddle the Scandinavian Community with a debt which could be a real burden . . . yes, could even mean the failure of the Centre.

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Oslo, Norway

Two of the seven scenic wonders of the world belong to Norway: the Fjords and the Midnight Sun. Oslo, Norway's picturesque capital holds the key to both. It is a city that in recent years has shown tremendous energy and has risen to modern distinction; however, some phases of the old still retain their places of honor. Oslo's City Hall is 20th Century and built in a beautiful setting at the head of Oslofjord. Within its walls is held the heart of a nation for here are displayed the handicrafts of her people. There are beautiful paintings by many famous artists. These paintings reveal much of the life of Norway, the struggles, hopes, and progress, and here too is living sculptor as well as picture weaving tell of the Stone Age, the Bronze Age, and the remarkable patterned work of the Iron Age. There are also pictorial records of the Viking Age. Even today there is still a great deal of weaving being done to carry on Norwegian history.

Some of the country's Stave Churches are preserved in Oslo. These are Medieval master pieces in wood and take their name from the staves, (massive, upright timbers), which are a basic part of their construction.

Another place to historical interest is at Bygdy a suburb and short ferry cruise from Oslo where are preserved three Viking ships that were found buried in mounds not far from the Oslofjord. It was on such a ship Leif Ericson made his first trip across the mighty Atlantic to America.

It is said the children of Norway learn their first steps on skis, and the famous ski jumps are located on the outskirts of Oslo. The Ski Museum is the world's first museum of its kind and the varied collections of skis date back 2500 years. The museum also has the polar equipment Fridtjof Nansen and Roald Amundsen used on their polar expeditions.

There are various modes of travel in Norway. In Oslo the Norwegian people prefer to walk or to bicycle their way out to the countryside, however there are trains, buses, ferries or planes—any means you wish to take your sightseeing excursions. Airliners take you from here to the land beyond the Arctic Circle, the Land of the Midnight Sun.

COLLECTOR'S COIN

The 50-cent piece of 1921 with a catalogue value of \$3,500 is the rarest among modern Canadian coins.

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In her recent illness at the home her daughter in Kamloops, B.C., once again in the hospital. Our best to you, Helen, for a speedy recovery.

Iary Pearson wishes to express sincere appreciation to everyone the many get-well wishes. Many thanks also for the lovely flowers to all who dropped in to say "I" during her recent stay in hospital.

oan Nelson was crowned Carnivale Queen of the Namao district.

Harold Lundgren is in hospital in Winnipeg, Man.

Teg Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Teg Nelson of Namao, is engaged to Margaret Craig of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Person recently had a surprise party at their home - Albert Winquist, on his retirement from the city. Many friends presented him with a Parker pen and pencil set, and Mrs. Winquist received a rhinestone pin and earring set. Gertrude Holmgren presented an amusing biography of Mr. Winquist's life, much to everyone's enjoyment.

Gordon Samuelson and his family have moved from Lloydminster and are now residing in Edmonton. We hope Gordon is still walking around on his crutches.

Magnus and Betty Pearson have been visiting their daughter and her family in Vancouver.

Gordon and Shirley Pearson and family have been holiday in Santa Anna, Calif., and Pasadena, Calif., with relatives and friends.

Recent patients in hospital were Petterson and Anna Johnson.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Sund, son, on Feb. 19.

Freja Handball Club

The winter tournament for handball has already begun, but we would like to see more people who are interested in our national sport. The Alberta Continental Handball Association has been started, but only one club from Edmonton has joined. In Calgary there are four clubs who are members, so let's us see if we can get more clubs from Edmonton. Please do not think that handball is just practising. We play in Red Deer once a month against these other clubs. Freja Handball Club has already won several trophies, and hope to keep this up by having more people participate.

Both ladies' and men's teams play at Strathcona High School every Tuesday night from 7:30 to 10:30. We would like to see some of you interested people join us, have fun, and keep your athletic figure in shape.

For information please call: Gerda Jensen, GA 2-8254; Eva Jespersen, GL 5-3860.

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Passenger cars in Alberta during 1962 will carry green license plates with two white letters and four digits. The plate-producing plant at Fort Saskatchewan Gaol has completed the manufacture of 500,000 sets of motor vehicle plates for issue next spring. The estimated requirement for the new year is based on the figures for 1961 which showed at

Our Borders

the end of November a total of 346,922 passenger cars and 146,654 commercial vehicles registered in the province.

The easily read Alberta license will rank as an excellent design for plates in North America. During the past several years the province's license plates have been judged in the top ten throughout the continent for quick recognition and legibility.

The study of good license plate design is constantly being carried on at different centres in North America and new developments are always considered when new plates are ordered. The steady increase of vehicles in Alberta make it imperative that the best possible design be used.

This was not necessary when the first vehicles were manufactured and appeared on the province's roads. In 1906 when there were 41 vehicles registered in Alberta, each owner was issued with a number which he was responsible for painting on his vehicle in an accessible spot. As the vehicle population grew, leather license plates were issued to owners.

The first plate similar to those seen on cars today was issued by the government in 1912 when a brightly colored red and white enamelled steel plate was provided. Through the next few years, metal plates varying in size, were issued. In 1919 the first embossed plate was provided. This was a white plate with black numerals similar in shape to the present day license.

At the same time government officials were coping with a mushrooming growth in the number of vehicles on Alberta roads. During the years 1921 to 1924, the issuing

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Mr. Arneberg of Camrose and Sons of Norway Folk Dancers' instructor, has been ill. We certainly hope that he makes a complete recovery soon.

Mrs. Ole Borgersen has opened a beauty parlor at 124 Street and 102 Avenue. Congratulations, Inger, we wish you every success.

Miss Irene Lagergren found excellent skiing conditions at Lake Louise on the weekend of February 3 and 4.

Mrs. Olafson recently spent some time in Yellowknife on a combined business and pleasure trip.

Orla and Swen Tychsen are happy to announce the arrival of a son born on February 18 at the University of Alberta Hospital.

THANK YOU

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Sons of Norway, the Sunray Junior Lodge, and all others who worked so hard on my behalf in the Queen Contest. Although I did not win first place, the results of our ticket sales was most gratifying and showed that our members entered this contest with a spirit which was unsurpassed. This has given me a feeling of pride which I shall long remember. To my Norwegian-speaking friends, "Mange Takk." — Anita Searl.

"HELP ME"

"Don't wait for spring, do it now: Get married or take a trip." No, seriously, I am asking for your cooperation. If you know of someone getting married, going on a holiday, someone visiting you, the birth of a baby, someone who is ill, or any newsworthy item, just phone this number—GL 5-1683.

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It was early afternoon. At the movie house the box-office girl asked the boy, "Why aren't you in school?"

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now living in Edmonton and the surrounding area.

At Carl Gunderson's funeral, which was arranged by the Danish Society Dania, we looked at the honor guard of Danish Air Cadets from the Penhold Air Base, the official representatives from various governments, officials from Dania, the friends and the flowers, and we realized how great the sacrifice is to someone whom one might call outstanding. On the flag covering the coffin the Liberty Medal awarded Carl Gunderson for his outstanding contribution to his fellow countrymen during the Second World War, was placed. Nothing else could really symbolize so well what Carl Gunderson meant to his community.

Dania Gym Club

Our instructor for the boys' and men's teams, Otto Henriksen, has informed us that due to work away from Edmonton he will not be able to continue as instructor for the remainder of the season. Helge Wellings has agreed to take over, and we hope this arrangement will work out to everyone's satisfaction.

The annual banquet and dance sponsored by Dania Gym Club and Freja Handball Club will be at the South Side Legion on Saturday, April 14. Trophies will be awarded, and there will be a display of gymnastics to show our work for the winter. This banquet will also mark the end of this winter's program, so please attend with your relatives and friends. It will be Scandinavian Smorgasbord at its best, and advanced tickets sales will start soon.

Dania Gym Club did originally intend to handle the banquet and dance alone, but a few weeks ago we were approached by Freja Handball Club who wanted to take part in the banquet to celebrate the end of their winter program. It is a pleasure for Dania Gym Club to oblige, and we hope this will be the beginning of closer co-operation.

people for their kindness and sympathy during our recent sorrow when we lost our dear husband and father. We are going back to Denmark and hope to find a place there, as life must go on. From the bottom of my heart — thank you — all you kind people. No doubt I will be thinking about you often in years to come and, who knows, we may meet again some day. —Grethe Petersen.

For all you lucky people who are taking a trip to Denmark, here are some highlights of what you can enjoy in July:

July 1—Canadian Dominion Day, Fakse Ladeplads. Annual Danish-Canadian Reunion.

July 4—American Independence Day, Rebild. Celebrated annually since 1912 in Rebild Danish-American National Park (near Aalborg) 50th Anniversary in 1962. Main speaker: General Dwight D. Eisenhower.

July 3-7—National Regatta, Horstens Royal Danish Yacht Club.

July 7-10—Tilting Tournament, Sonderborg. In the main Tilting Tournament in Sonderborg (South Jutland) some 400 horses and riders compete.

July 22-24—Children's "Shooting the Parrot," Skelskor. First day: Children's pageant, Boy Guards in 100-year-old uniforms. Boys' Band, Girls' flower carts. Second day: Shooting the Parrot. Morning parade.

July 24-August 4—International Golf Week, on the island of Fano near Esbjerg. Open annual tournament of long-standing tradition.

July 26-29—The International Sound Regatta. An International regatta of glorious tradition held in the Sound off Copenhagen.

August 2-12—Danish Industries Fair, Fredericia. Largest Danish

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Kindness is the golden chain by which society is bound together.

—Goethe

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We see eye to eye and know as we are known, reciprocate kindness and work wisely in proportion as we love.

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**Surprise Party Honors
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Mrs. Eric Pearson, who was 90 years young on February 18, 1962, was honored by a surprise birthday party at the home of her son, Magnus Pearson. Mrs. Pearson came to Canada in 1908, to Calgary, Alberta. She was born in Offerdahl, Jamtland, Sweden. After moving to the Hoadley district in 1917, the Pearsons homesteaded there until Mrs. Pearson moved to Edmonton after the Second World War. Mr. Pearson died in 1929. Mrs. Pearson did a great deal of travelling to various Canadian cities visiting her children, and is still very active. She does lovely needlework and knitting. She had seven children, four of whom are now living: Mrs. Helen Riley, Jasper Park, Alberta; Mrs. Joe Doyle, Vancouver, B.C.; Mrs. Nils Robley, Lacombe, Alberta, and Mr. Magnus Pearson, Edmonton, Alta. She has 11 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren. She is now residing with her son, Magnus, in Edmonton. At her party she was honored by many well-wishing friends and relatives.

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**Soup Stock (Clear Soup)**

Soup is the basis of a great many lunches. Many homemakers and many families prefer the wholesome goodness and flavor of a steaming bowl of homemade soup. The start of many of these soups is a good soup stock.

2 lbs. meat and bone

Cut meat into small pieces. Add bones and cold water. Soak one hour. Simmer 2 hours. Add the following vegetables:

1 small onion	4 cloves
½ cup turnip	6 pepper berries
½ cup carrot	1 bay leaf
2 stalks celery	1 spray parsley
	1 tsp. salt

Cook 1 hour. Strain; clarify.

To clarify: For each quart of cold stock, add 1 egg white and crushed shell. Heat slowly, mixing thoroughly. Boil 5 minutes. Strain through damp cheesecloth.

Vegetable Soup

½ cup turnips, diced	4 tbsps. butter, if water is used
½ cup carrots, diced	1 cup potatoes, diced
½ cup celery, cut in small pieces	1 quart water, or stock
½ onion, cut into bits	2 tbsps. salt

Put turnips, carrots, onions, celery and butter in the pan on top of burner, stirring well until vegetables are browned. If desired, 1 cup of chopped meat may be browned with the vegetables, or hot soup stock may be used. Add remaining ingredients. Cover pan and place it with a meal in the oven. Home Service Department, Northwestern Utilities, Ltd.

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